areas of the city and are attracting investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MANDHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The 3 ITDC hotels namely Ranjit, Janpath and Lodhi are located in New Delhi. In respect of Janpath and Ranjit, foreign investors have evinced interest for investment.

New Airstrips in Uttar Pradesh

2832. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent proposals for construction of airstrips in various places in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the norms for the construction of air strips?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The traffic potential, commercial viability of the operations, availability of resources and their deployment, fleet availability and plan of operation of scheduled airlines, and other such factors determine the possibility of a new airport being taken up for construction.

Production of coal

2833. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal production has declined during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is deterioration in the Coal distribution system; and

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered into it and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). The coal production in the country during 1990-91 was 211.73 million tonnes. It was 10.84 million tonnes higher than the coal production in previous year.

(c) No, Sir. The coal despatches to various sectors during 1990-91 increased by 8.46 million tonnes over the previous year.

(d) Does not arise.

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Prices of Petroleum Products

2834. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the prices per litre of diesel and petrol prevailing in July, 1990 and the prices as on July, 1991; and

(b) the total additional amount spent on diesel and petrol during the last one year due to this increase in the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The prices of diesel